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LABOR FOR SAMUEL AND QUACKENBUSH

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SUBJECT: QUAI COMMENTS ON ILO SITUATION

1. SUMMARY: THE FRENCH SUGGEST THAT IF WE HAVE ANY
INTEREST IN RETURNING TO THE ILO IT WOULD BE A GOOD
IDEA TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT THE MINIMUM CONDITIONS
WOULD BE BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING.
END SUMMARY.

2. DURING A JANUARY 12 CONVERSATION, THE QUAI
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ILO AFFAIRS TOLD US THAT

THE NINE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING ILO STRUCTURAL REFORMS,
ETC., AMONGST THEMSELVES; THE SUBSTANCE AND RESULTS
OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PASSED ON TO THE US MISSION IN
GENEVA. HE OFFERED, HOWEVER, TO CLARIFY OR EXPAND
ON ANY POINTS ABOUT WHICH WE MIGHT HAVE QUESTIONS.
HE ALSO NOTED THAT VENTEJOL, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, HAS BEEN MADE THE NINE'S
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INFORMAL SPOKESMAN AND THAT PREPARATIONS ARE BEGINNING
FOR THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING.

3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE QUAI OFFICIAL
SUGGESTED THAT IF THE US HAD ANY INTEREST IN RETURN-
ING TO THE ILO AT SOME FUTURE DATE, IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL TO THE NINE IF THEY COULD GET OUR VIEWS AS

TO WHAT OUR MINIMUM CONDITIONS MIGHT BE. SUCH DIS-
CUSSIONS COULD BE HELD IN PARIS, WASHINGTON, OR
ELSEWHERE; AND HE POINTED OUT, WOULD PREVENT ANY
SITUATION FROM ARISING WHEREBY, INADVERTENTLY,
DECISIONS WERE MADE AT THE NEXT GOVERNING BODY
SESSION WHICH WOULD FREEZE THE SITUATION IN THE
PRESENT STATUS QUO. WHILE APPRECIATING THAT THE
SITUATION WAS DELICATE FOR THE USG, HE FELT IT WAS
REALLY UP TO US TO LET THE NINE KNOW WHAT THE BOTTOM
LINE WOULD BE.

4. ON ATMOSPHERICS, THE QUAI OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT,
RATHER THAN TALKING WITH EACH OF THE NINE
SEPARATELY AND THEREBY POSSIBLY REOPENING SOME ISSUES
AMONGST THEM, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LIMIT THE SCOPE
OF ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HE WAS
DELIGHTED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH
QUACKENBUSH IN DECEMBER, AND THAT HE APPRECIATED VERY
MUCH HIS DIPLOMATIC APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS AT HAND.
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